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The Kansas City Star would have you believe that Senator Reed is owned by the Brewers. If that be true, and we firmly believe that it is not, isn't that preferable to having him owned by the Kansas City Star?

William Jennings Bryan the self appointed censor of all things material, is feeling the responsibility of the continuation of the European war to such an extent that he recently expended a considerable amount of his Chautauqua earnings on a cablegram to the British Premier asking that he heed the cry of the Central Powers and talk it over. He sent the following message:

"As a friend of the nations at war, as a Christian and a lover of humanity, I respectfully but most earnestly appeal to you to use your great influence to secure your Government's consent to negotiations."
"There is no dispute that must necessarily be settled by force. All international disputes are capable of adjustment by peaceful means. Every guarantee that can possibly be secured by war can be stated as a condition precedent to peace. Do not, I pray you, by refusing an exchange of views assume responsibility for a continuation of the unspeakable horrors of this unparalleled conflict. Your decision may mean life or death to millions."

William only scratched the surface when he said, "All international disputes are capable of adjustment by peaceful means." And in proof that his reasoning is all wrong, we have only to go back to July 23, 1914, when Austria sent her ultimatum to Serbia. On July 27 Sir Edward Grey proposed a conference that would have prevented the war. On the next day, July 28, and on each successive day until August 1, the British secretary urged the Hoenzollerns to take heed and join in a conference that the world's peace might be maintained. On July 31 the Imperial Government of Germany was asked if it would respect Belgium's neutrality if no other power violated it. Berlin would not reply fearing that "it would disclose a certain amount of their plan of campaign in the event of war." Germany began the destruction of Belgium on the morning of August 4, 1914. William sees but one side of the question and says, "Do not, I pray you, by refusing an exchange of views assume responsibility for a continuation of the unspeakable horrors of this unparalleled conflict." A conflict

that could have been avoided by Germany had not the German Government so arrogantly refused to meet in conference representatives from other powers involved. The ignoble and selfish ends of Prussian militarism would best be reached by a peace at this time, and the offer is made, no doubt, in the interest of a German victory. If the Kaiser has reached a state of mind where he is willing to make restitution, as far as lies in his power, for the annihilation of governments and people, then let there be peace. If he has not, then let there be war and more war until he is a suppliant for mercy and not a dictator.

Insolvent in Leadership.
For the truth is the Republican party of today is insolvent in leadership. It has driven from the party councils the only men who can talk to the people, the men who are capable of receiving and passing on new ideas. New issues must come, and if the Republican party shall survive it must wholeheartedly adopt new issues. For four years of a tariff commission under Mr. Wilson will make protection an academic question and take the tariff from politics as completely as railroad rates and postal charges are out of politics; new issues will require new men or open-minded men and the open mind is the black beast of the Old Guard. It was Colonel Roosevelt's open mind and widening vision that made him impossible in 1912, and made the Old Guard prefer defeat to his leadership this year. They have their defeat. It has revealed their bankrupt leadership, and the country has no answer to their problem.—William Allen White in Collier's Weekly.

Capt. and Mrs. R. K. Latham left Wednesday for Alton, Illinois, to spend the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. VanAnglen went to Kansas City Wednesday for a visit.

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W. G. McCAUSLAND

CROOKED WORK OF REPUBLICANS COMES TO LIGHT

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ISSUES STATEMENT OF FACTS AND FIGURES.

MANY ILLEGAL ACTS EXPOSED

Impediment of Partisan Courts Will Probably Follow Investigation of Frauds—Negro Colonization Scheme Partly Thwarted.

Facts have come to light, since election day, which demonstrate beyond any doubt that there was an insidious and widespread attempt on the part of some of the Republican state organizations to commit a series of illegal acts leading up to the recent general election, with the object of casting a lot of fraudulent votes and causing to be miscounted votes legally cast.

This concerted action on the part of some of the Republican managers was of such nature and of such wide extent that it jeopardized the lawful will of the people of this state as expressed by their ballots.

So wrongful was this attempt and so many instances of its existence have come to light that we feel it is due to the people of the state of Missouri that these acts should be made public and that they be put on their guard in the future against any such willful, malicious and wrongful conduct on the part of a few unscrupulous men. With that object in view this statement is made and is given to the public.

There existed a conspiracy to register and to vote, in the city of St. Louis alone, thousands of negroes brought here from places outside of the state of Missouri only a short time before registration day. They were induced to register, as required by the law of the city of St. Louis, before they could vote. To support that allegation we hereto append a few names copied from a report made by order of the chief of police of the city of St. Louis and now on file in his office. This report is the result of a canvass that was made in order to determine whether or not there existed any fraud in registration and was made before election day. It contains nearly a thousand names of persons not entitled to vote for various reasons specified in the report. These names are just a few picked out simply as giving substantial evidence of the charge made and to point to particular cases and individuals. The report in part reads as follows:

Ward 16, Precinct 4—Louis Benton, 421 S. Garrison avenue. Only six months in city.
Ward 22, Precinct 8—Wm. L. Chandler, 4083 W. Bell place. In the city only eight months from Frankford, Ind.
Ward 22, Precinct 8—Robert Howell, 4068 W. Bell place. Here only six months from the south.
Ward —, Precinct 9—William Bradley, 4043 Cook avenue. Here only four months from Arkansas.
Ward 17, Precinct 15—Charles Priehard, 3590 Lawton avenue. Only in city three months.

To further substantiate the charge, attention is called to the fact that an election was held in the city of St. Louis during the early months of 1916, at which the question of negro segregation was to be voted upon. This was a question of peculiar import to the negro race. A special registration was held, prior to the election, in order that all who were not regularly on the books and who were entitled to be registered might be so registered. After that registration it developed that there was nearly, but not quite, nine thousand negroes registered as voters. After the rumors of negro colonization had spread through the country, and after the reports had been dignified by comment thereon by the attorney general of the United States, and after a hurried and cursory investigation at the hands of the department of justice, and after the registration in the city of St. Louis preceding the recent general election, there appeared nearly fourteen thousand negroes registered; an increase of nearly five thousand in the city of St. Louis alone.

Besides registration of negroes recently moved here from the south, there was an attempt to register and vote many thousands of negroes who had forfeited their right to vote because of conviction of certain offenses specified by law. Quoting from this same police report, there are hereto appended the names of a few of many individuals taken from that report:

Ward 22, Precinct 14—Abe Shelton, 4284 Kennerly avenue. Served term of six months in city jail on charge of attempted robbery; also term in city workhouse of six months for murder in second degree.
Ward 18, Precinct 1—James Buckner, 2789 Papin street. Served one year in city workhouse on charge of burglary, second degree, and larceny.
Ward 5, Precinct 14—Edw. Moore, 2241 Scott avenue. Served one year in city workhouse on charge of burglary second degree and larceny.
Ward 5, Precinct 10—Charles Postler (alias Priestly), 1414 Papin street. Served two terms in penitentiary in Joliet, Ill. Entirely separate and distinct from the names appearing on the police report there was made at the request of the Democratic state committee a list of persons not entitled to vote because they had been convicted of certain crimes. The names of the persons, the offenses with which they were charged, the fact that they were found guilty and the sentence with which they were punished, together with the date of the sentence, were taken

from the records of the courts of the state of Missouri. On election day these men were challenged as the appeared to vote and through the efforts of the Democratic state committee some thousands of these illegally registered persons were prevented from casting their fraudulent votes.

With further regard to the city of St. Louis that same police report shows that there was a general and wholesale attempt made to register negroes and to have them vote from houses where they did not live. Extracts from that report are hereto appended in order to give substantial and particular testimony to the truth of the above charge:

Ward 17, Precinct 5—Front Moore, 2741 Clark avenue. Not known at this address. Information given by William Wright, same number. There is a Thout Moore residing at 2747 Clark avenue.
Z. W. Campbell, 2640 Market place. Not known at this address. Information given by Mrs. Mitchell, same number, and Nettie Davis, 2640 Market place.

Ward 17, Precinct 7—George Jennings, 2302 Pine street. No one of that name living there. Information given by Mrs. Mary Lewis, same address.
Ward 17, Precinct 3—M. Zerzer, 2022 Lucas avenue. No one of that name living there. Information given by Mrs. Leona Gaskins, same address.

Ward 17, Precinct 11—M. J. Boss, 2115 Pine street. Does not live there. Information given by Mrs. Anna Parker, same address.
Ward 17, Precinct 15—Charles Williams, 3500 Lawton avenue. Does not live there. Information given by Florence Barker, same address.

Ward 16, Precinct 1—George Clark, 2830 Bernard street. Does not live there. Information given by Mrs. Spotter, same address.
Ward 16, Precinct 5—J. McClary, 3153 Clarke avenue. No such address.

And hundreds more similar instances. Besides these attempts, there were imported into Missouri, on election day, across the Mississippi river from the state of Illinois into almost every county from 20 to 175 negroes, who were taken to the polls to vote. The same thing was done across the Arkansas border into the counties in the southern tier of this state.

In various counties of the state of Missouri, which it is not now deemed advisable to specifically name, there were made, and have been discovered, attempts to miscount the ballots legally cast and to give to the Republican nominees the advantage of the willful miscounts so made.

In various registration booths in the city of St. Louis there was an attempt made, on the part of the members of the Republican organization, to register, so as to permit them to vote, a great number of residents of foreign birth whose citizenship papers had not been properly perfected. As an instance of the widespread nature of this attempt, this committee knows of one precinct in St. Louis city where 27 persons were brought in a body by a member of the Republican organization, each one of whom had initial naturalization papers more than five years old, but which papers had never been perfected. Under the United States laws such persons are not entitled to register or to vote and in this particular precinct these men were not allowed to register. In many other precincts persons in similar circumstances were registered at the instigation of members of the Republican organization contrary to law and did vote.

There were various attempts made by Republican officials to drag the courts of the state of Missouri into politics and to prostitute their authority, functions and powers to serve the ends of partisan purposes which are disgraceful in themselves, and which tend to bring disgrace and shame upon the whole state of Missouri. In one instance, in the city of St. Louis, the judge of a high court freed 96 negroes who had been arrested because of alleged fraudulent attempts to vote and freed them without even requiring them to appear in court; without ascertaining whether or not the men charged with the crime, and out on bond, were present; and did so over the protest of the assistant circuit attorney of the city of St. Louis, and after he had asked that the cases be continued a sufficient length of time to permit the facts to be investigated and the persons, if guilty, to be prosecuted. The act of the court, in this instance, not only freed many persons undoubtedly guilty, but it is our understanding that it was so carelessly done that there was freed at the same time an individual arrested on an entirely different charge.

There are several other instances which have come to our attention of official misconduct in office and which are of a grave nature.

We believe a thorough, rigid and impartial investigation will confirm the truth of the charges above recited, warrant the impeachment of those who have for partisan purposes prostituted the functions of the court, and result in the conviction and punishment of those "higherups" who conspired to induce the ignorant to colonize, and the vicious in other ways to violate our election laws and to try to thwart the will of the people.

The purity of the ballot boxes is the foundation of the exercise of rights and the mainspring of the expression of the will of the people in this commonwealth. We hope that all those citizens, irrespective of party, who desire a full and complete investigation of the recent frauds, who desire the establishment of such a condition as to render impossible their perpetration in the future, and who desire the punishment of all guilty persons, will join with us in this attempt which we believe to be a crusade to maintain the rights which were established by our forebears and handed to our keeping as a trust that we might maintain and improve upon them and hand them down to posterity in an undamaged and an unsharpened condition.
JAMES COWGILL,
Chairman Democratic State Committee.

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